

## BUREAU OF REHABILITATION SERVICES

**POSTING DATE:** July 10, 2006

**CLOSING DATE:** August 7, 2006

### VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELOR FOR THE DEAF

#### OPEN TO CURRENT STATE EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC

The Department of Social Services Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS) Division presently is recruiting to fill a vacant position in its Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Job Series. Based on experience and qualifications the selected candidate may be hired at either the job classification level of Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Intern I, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Intern II, Vocational Rehabilitation Assistant Counselor, or Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. This position is located in the (BRS) Western District office in Bridgeport, CT. The incumbent in this position will be assigned a caseload comprised primarily of deaf and hearing-impaired individuals.

**POSITION:** Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Series

**BARGAINING UNIT:** P3-B Education Professions

**STARTING SALARY RANGE:** \$36,563 - \$48,467  
Starting salary will be commensurate with the selected candidate's experience and qualifications

**LOCATION:** BRS Bridgeport Office  
1057 Broad Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06610

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Provides professional vocational rehabilitation counseling; develops plans for providing services to persons with disabilities on cases presenting vocational adjustment and rehabilitation problems; conducts initial interview with applicants and explains functions, program eligibility requirements and scope of services that lead to employment for persons with disabilities; obtains significant information from schools, employers, other public and private agencies and medical facilities concerning the client; provides career counseling; arranges for provision of services, writes case histories and reports as required; confers with medical and other consultants to resolve complex problems relating to employment; does related work as required.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILL AND ABILITY:** Requires proficiency in the use of American Sign Language (ASL). Knowledge of principles and techniques of interviewing and occupational testing; knowledge of job analysis and ability to identify and interpret labor market trends; ability to determine and utilize appropriate job placement techniques; knowledge of the kinds of community resources available to help rehabilitate and improve the employability of disabled persons; ability to gather, analyze, evaluate and record information pertinent to the rehabilitation of an individual; ability to establish and maintain an effective counseling relationship with individuals.

**EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:** General – A Bachelor's degree and/or a Master's degree from an accredited college with a major course of study in rehabilitation counseling, psychology, education or a related behavioral or social science. Preference will be given to those with a Master's degree in vocational rehabilitation or those currently in a Master's degree vocational rehabilitation program.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** To apply you must submit an original completed State of Connecticut Application (Form PLD-1) in order to be considered for an interview. The PLD-1 Application Form may be downloaded from the State of Connecticut's Department of Administrative Services Human Resources Services website: [www.das.state.ct.us/exam/default.asp#APPLICATION\\_FORMS](http://www.das.state.ct.us/exam/default.asp#APPLICATION_FORMS). Please forward your completed original State of Connecticut Application (Form PLD -1) and a Resume to:

Melvin A. Jackson, Principal Personnel Officer  
Department of Social Services  
Bureau of Rehabilitation Services  
25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5033  
FAX: (860) 951-2979

**APPLICATIONS AND RESUMES MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 7, 2006**

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